

REMARKS

Applicants have provided a revised Amendment to clear up certain defects in the Amendment submitted on March 9, 2007, and to place the application in condition for allowance.

Firstly, Applicants have amended the listing of the claims to indicate that claims 27 and 28 are both withdrawn.

Secondly, pursuant to a telephone conference with Examiner Jessica Laux on or about May 25, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if it contained the same or similar limitation as was added to independent claim 12, namely that the outer casing is comprised at least in part by ground rubber material. Applicants have herein amended claim 1 accordingly.

Applicants also discussed reincorporating previously withdrawn dependent claims 8, 9, 10 and 18, 19, and 20, now that they depend from generic claims 1 and 12 respectively, and the Examiner indicated that that would be appropriate. Applicants hereby request that these dependent claims be reincorporated into the claims for allowance. Applicants also agree that withdrawn method claims 23-28 should remain withdrawn as these claims are drawn to the method of manufacturing the composite pole rather than to the article.

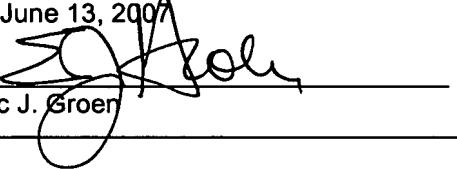
For all the above amendments and remarks, Applicants request that claims 1-22 be indicated as allowable and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in respect of these claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions which would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (317) 237-1115.

Respectfully submitted,


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